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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.322(a) OR,
ALTERNATIVELY, REQUEST FOR CORRECTED PATENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.322(b)**

Dear Sir:

The following is a request for a Certificate of Correction under 37 CFR §1.322(a) or, in the alternative, a request for a corrected patent under 37 CFR §1.322(b).

The Director may issue a Certificate of Correction pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §254 to correct a mistake in a patent, incurred through the fault of the Office, which mistake is clearly disclosed in the records of the Office. Applicant submits such a mistake was incurred in the above-referenced patent.

On May 1, 2002, an Amendment and Response to Office Action was filed in the above-referenced patent that made amendments to the claims. The Response was resubmitted on August 30, 2002. A Notice of Allowance was mailed on October 16, 2002 based on the amendments made in the Response. However, the claim amendments were not properly reflected in the published patent. Instead, it appears that the Office mistakenly published in the issued patent the claims as presented in a January 17, 2002 Amendment and Response to Office Action and a January 22, 2002 Supplemental

Amendment. The attached Certificate of Correction replaces the erroneous claims printed in the published patent with the proper claims (i.e., those entered by the Examiner on October 16, 2002 and on which the Notice of Allowance was based).

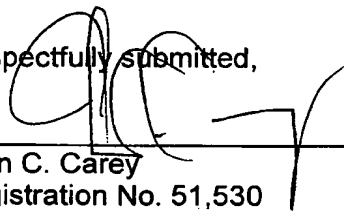
In addition, the Certificate of Correction further deletes the words "NEED MORE INFORMATION ON THIS ASPECT," found at col. 12, lines 28-29 of the published patent. These words were deleted in the January 17, 2002 Amendment and Response to Office Action, but were not carried forward to the published patent. Applicant submits that the failure to delete these words from the specification also was an Office error.

In the alternative 37 CFR §1.322(b) provides that, if the nature of the mistake on the part of the Office is such that a Certificate of Correction is deemed inappropriate in form, the Director may issue a corrected patent in lieu thereof as a more appropriate form for certificate of correction, without expense to the patentee. Applicant submits that the errors made in the above-referenced patent are such that issuance of a Corrected Patent may be warranted. Ms. Rochaun Johnson, from the Certificate of Correction Branch of the Office of Patent Publications, confirmed in a telephone conversation on February 10, 2011, that the errors made in the above-referenced patent would warrant issuance of a Corrected Patent. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the issuance of a Corrected Patent if the Director determines that a Certificate of Correction is an inappropriate remedy under the stated facts.

For these reasons, Applicants respectfully request issuance of a Certificate of Correction or, in the alternative, a Corrected Patent.

Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/NVDA/034/JCC for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent are hereby corrected as shown below:

In col. 12, lines 29-30, please remove the words:

"NEED MORE INFORMATION ON THIS ASPECT".

In column 23, line 51, cancel the text beginning with "1. A method for generating a prioritized network site" to and ending with "group consisting of: a forum and a chat room." at column 28, line 14, and insert the following claims 1-20:

1. A method for generating a prioritized network site directory, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) generating at least one link to a site on a network;
 - (b) adding the site to a site directory having a set of categories comprising at least one category;
 - (c) categorizing the site into one of the categories of the site directory;
 - (d) ranking the categorized site in the category;
 - (e) creating a sub-category into which the site is categorized;
 - (f) assigning a creator identity to the sub-category that includes information about a creator of the sub-category; and
 - (g) granting the creator of the sub-category at least one privilege selected from a group consisting of: recommending to accept or reject additional sites into and additional sub-categories under the sub-category, receiving information transmittals from users of the site in the sub-category, and transmitting information to users of sites in the sub-category.

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2. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the step of adding the site to the site directory further comprises the steps of: comparing the site to pre-existing sites in the site directory; and generating a notification if the site matches one of the pre-existing sites of the site directory.
3. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the step of categorizing the site into one of the categories of the site directory further comprises the steps of: generating a table of sites, wherein the table of sites comprises at least one pre-existing site ranked in the set of categories of the set directory; determining whether the site exists in the table of sites; and mapping the site to one of the categories of the set of categories if the site exists in the table of sites.
4. A method as recited in claim 3, wherein the step of categorizing the site into one of the categories of the site directory further comprises the step of searching the site for keywords relating to the categories of the set of categories if the site does not exist in the table of sites.
5. A method as recited in claim 3, wherein the step of categorizing the site into one of the categories of the site directory further comprises the steps of: selecting one of the categories into which the site is to be categorized; comparing the selected category to the category to which the site is mapped; and generating a notification if the selected category does not match the category to which the site is mapped.
6. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the site is ranked in the category according to a type of ranking based on at least one of: the number of generated links to the site, the frequency that the site is accessed by selection of the links, and polling.

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7. A method as recited in claim 6, further comprising the step of allowing a user to specify the type of ranking applied to the category, wherein the sites in the category are displayed according to the user-selected type of ranking.
8. A method for generating a prioritized network site directory, comprising:
- (a) generating at least one link to a site on a network;
 - (b) adding the site to a site directory having a set of categories comprising at least one category, each category including a plurality of links;
 - (c) categorizing the site into one of the categories of the site directory;
 - (d) ranking the categorized site in the category;
 - (e) displaying the links in the category according to rank, the links including the at least one generated link;
 - (f) displaying an identity of the creator of the at least one generated link to a second user upon display of the links to the second user;
 - (g) allowing the second user to send an information transmittal to the creator of the at least one link;
 - (h) creating a sub-category into which the site is categorized;
 - (i) assigning a creator identity to the sub-category that includes information about a creator of the sub-category; and
 - (j) granting the creator of the sub-category at least one privilege selected from a group consisting of: recommending to accept or reject additional sites into and additional sub-categories under the sub-category, receiving information transmittals from users of the site in the sub-category, and transmitting

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information to users of sites in the sub-category.

9. A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the information transmittal is selected from a group consisting of: an electronic mail message and an instant message.

10. A method as recited in claim 8, further comprising the step of associating a mode of communication with the category; the mode of communication being selected from a group consisting of: a forum and a chat room.

11. A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the step of adding the site to the site directory further comprises: comparing the site to pre-existing sites in the site directory; and generating a notification if the site matches one of the pre-existing sites of the site directory.

12. A method as recited in claim 8, wherein categorizing the site into one of the categories of the site directory further comprises: generating a table of sites, wherein the table of sites comprises at least one pre-existing site ranked in the set of categories of the set directory; determining whether the site exists in the table of sites; and mapping the site to one of the categories of the set of categories if the site exists in the table of sites.

13. A method as recited in claim 12, wherein categorizing the site into one of the categories of the site directory further comprises searching the site for keywords relating to the categories of the set of categories if the site does not exist in the table of sites.

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14. A method as recited in claim 12, wherein categorizing the site into one of the categories of the site directory further comprises: selecting one of the categories into which the site is to be categorized; comparing the selected category to the category to which the site is mapped; and generating a notification if the selected category does not match the category to which the site is mapped.

15. A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the site is ranked in the category according to a type of ranking based on at least one of: the number of generated links to the site, the frequency that the site is accessed by selection of the links, and polling.

16. A method as recited in claim 15, further comprising allowing a user to specify the type of ranking applied to the category, wherein the sites in the category are displayed according to the user-selected type of ranking.

17. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for generating a prioritized network site directory, comprising:

- (a) a code segment that generates at least one link to a site on a network;
- (b) a code segment that adds the site to a site directory having a set of categories comprising at least one category, each category including a plurality of links;
- (c) a code segment that categorizes the site into one of the categories of the site directory;
- (d) a code segment that ranks the categorized site in the category;
- (e) a code segment that displays the links in the category according to rank, the links including the at least one generated link;

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- (f) a code segment that displays an identity of the creator of the at least one generated link to a second user upon display of the links to the second user;
- (g) a code segment that allows the second user to send an information transmittal to the creator of the at least one link;
- (h) a code segment that creates a sub-category into which the site is categorized;
- (i) a code segment that assigns a creator identity to the sub-category that includes information about a creator of the sub-category; and
- (j) a code segment that grants the creator of the sub-category at least one privilege selected from a group consisting of: recommending to accept or reject additional sites into and additional sub-categories under the sub-category, receiving information transmittals from users of the site in the sub-category, and transmitting information to users of sites in the sub-category.

18. A computer program as recited in claim 17, further comprising a code segment that grants the creator of the sub-category at least one of the privileges consisting of: recommending to accept or reject additional sites into and additional sub-categories under the sub-category, receiving information transmittals from users of site in the sub-category, and transmitting information to users of sites in the sub-category.

19. A system for generating a prioritized network site directory, comprising:

- (a) a logic that generates at least one link to a site on a network;
- (b) a logic that adds the site to a site directory having a set of categories comprising at least one category, each category including a plurality of links;

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- (c) a logic that categorizes the site into one of the categories of the site directory;
- (d) a logic that ranks the categorized site in the category;
- (e) a logic that displays the links in the category according to rank, the links including the at least one generated link;
- (f) a logic that displays an identity of the creator of the at least one generated link to a second user upon display of the links to the second user;
- (g) a logic that allows the second user to send an information transmittal to the creator of the at least one link;
- (h) a logic that creates a sub-category into which the site is categorized;
- (i) a logic that assigns a creator identity to the sub-category that includes information about a creator of the sub-category; and
- (j) a logic that grants the creator of the sub-category at least one privilege selected from a group consisting of: recommending to accept or reject additional sites into and additional sub-categories under the sub-category, receiving information transmittals from users of the site in the sub-category, and transmitting information to users of sites in the sub-category.

20. A method for generating a prioritized network site directory, comprising the steps of:

- (a) generating at least one link to a site on a network;
- (b) adding the site to a site directory having a set of categories comprising at least one category, each category including a plurality of links;
- (c) comparing the site to pre-existing sites in the site directory;
- (d) generating a notification if the site matches one of the pre-existing sites of the site

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directory;

(e) categorizing the site into one of the categories of the site directory, wherein the step of categorizing the site into one of the categories of the site directory further comprises the step of:

- i. generating a table of sites, wherein the table of sites comprises at least one pre-existing site ranked in the set of categories of the set directory;
- ii. determining whether the site exists in the table of sites;
- iii. mapping the site to one of the categories of the set of categories if the site exists in the table of sites;
- iv. searching the site for keywords relating to the categories of the set of categories if the site does not exist in the table of sites;
- v. selecting one of the categories into which the site is to be categorized;
- vi. comparing the selected category to the category to which the site is mapped;
- vii. generating a notification if the selected category does not match the category to which the site is mapped;

(f) ranking the categorized site in the category, wherein the site is ranked in the category according to a type of ranking based on at least one of: the number of generated links to the site stored in online bookmark accounts, the frequency that the site is accessed by selection of the links, and polling;

(g) allowing a user to specify the type of ranking applied to the category, wherein sites in the category are displayed according to the user-selected type of ranking;

(h) displaying the links in the category according to rank, the links including the at least one generated link;

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- (i) associating an identity of a creator of the at least one link with the at least one generated link;
- (j) displaying the identity of the creator to a second user upon display of the links to the second user;
- (k) allowing the second user to send an information transmittal to the creator of the at least one link, wherein the information transmittal is selected from a group consisting of: an electronic mail message and an instant message;
- (l) creating a sub-category into which the site is categorized;
- (m) assigning a creator identity to the sub-category that includes information about a creator of the sub-category;
- (n) granting the creator of the sub-category at least one privilege selected from a group consisting of: recommending to accept or reject additional sites into and additional sub-categories under the sub-category, receiving information transmittals from users of site in the sub-category, and transmitting information to users of sites in the sub-category; and
- (o) associating a mode of communication with the category, the mode of communication being selected from a group consisting of: a forum and a chat room.

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